**Foreign Loans/Aids**

210. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the sources of the foreign loans/aids;

(b) the toral amount received so far from each source;

(c) the rates of interests/charges therefor;

(d) the total amount of such interests/charges paid so far;

(e) the total amount out of these loans/aids granted to the States/Union Territory Governments, the public sector units and the rates of interest charged thereon; and

(f) the total amount of such interests paid so far by the States/Union Territory Governments and the public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (d) The details regarding sources of foreign loans/aid, amount of aid source wise, terms and conditions of aid and the amount of interest paid upto 1987-88 is contained in the Brochure on External Assistance published by the Ministry of Finance. A copy of the Brochure for 1987-88 has been placed in the Library of the House.

(e) and (f) The external assistance received by the Government of India enter the Central pool of the resources available for the entire Economy and are allocated among Central/State Governments, Union Territories etc., according to our plan priorities. It is therefore, not possible to identify its allocation to State Governments, Union Territories etc.

**National Police Academy**

211. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the amount given as assistance to the National Police Academy, Hyderabad during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to give some national financial assistance to the Academy and also to start specialisation courses in the various branches of criminology; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No amount was given as assistance to National Police Academy, Hyderabad during the last three years. The expenditure of NPA is met out of the Budget Grant of Ministry of Home Affairs. The budgetary position for the last three years is indicated below :—

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| 1986-87 . . | Rs. 2,47,58,000/- |
| 1987-88 . . | Rs. 2,55,96,000/- |
| 1988-89 . . | Rs. 3,48,55,000/- |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Aerial seeding for afforestation in Andhra Pradesh**

212. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer

to the answer to Unstarred Question 1066 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1989 and state :

(a) whether the aerial seeding for afforestation has been successfully conducted in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with types of seeds used for aerial seeding for afforestation in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) The aerial seeding operations are in progress and upto end of June 1989 an area of 4,500 hectares has been aerially seeded in Mahboob Nagar and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh. The seeds of *Acacia auribulifomis, Acacia nilctica, Aza-di rachta indica, Pongamia glabra, Prosopis julifiora, Tamrindus indica, Dalbergia sissoo and Stylosanthes hamata* etc. species have been used.

**Supply of Yarn to Handloom Weavers at a subsidised rate**

213. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to supply yarn to the handloom weavers at a subsidised rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantity of yarn supplied/ to be supplied by Government to the States at a subsidised rate for the handloom weavers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Currently there is no proposal under the consideration of Government for supply of yarn to weavers at subsidised prices.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Problems of Handloom Weavers**

214. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of handloom weavers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to redress their problems ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main problems which have been confronting the handloom weavers in the country are rise in prices of cotton yarn and the inability of the handloom sector to market its products due to competition from the powerloom sector.

(c) (i) Government have taken a number of steps to ensure adequate supply of yarn to the handloom sector at reasonable prices, such as Hank Yran Obligation Scheme, Loan Assistance to the National Cooperative Development Corporation for setting up of Weavers' Cooperative Spinning Mills and expansion of capacity in the existing mills to build up captive production for the handloom sector, setting up of the National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) with the main aim of supplying yarn to the handloom sector. In addition certain corrective measures have also been taken to check the rise in prices of cotton hank yarn by, *inter-alia*, suspending the export of staple cotton and of hank yarn below 60s counts. Recently a decision has been taken to set up yarn depots by NHDC for supply of hank yarn at competitive prices to handloom weavers.